

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ, :
Petitioner, :
: Civil Action No. 05-11521-RCL
v. :
: LOIS RUSSO, :
Respondent, :

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Now Comes, Rolando Rodrigues, the petitioner in the above-entitled action and respectfully moves this Honorable Court for appointment of counsel pursuant to 18 USC § 3006A(a)(2)(B).

As grounds for relief the Petitioner states the following:

1. He has raised meritorious issues in his Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus for a Prisoner in State Custody filed pursuant to 28 USC § 2254.
2. He is without funds to hire a lawyer.
3. The issues involved in this case are complex.
4. Petitioner cannot speak English.
5. Petitioner has a very limited access to the law library and research area of the prison.
6. Petitioner cannot understand what he reads.

7. The Petitioner has no knowledge of the law.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, the Court should appoint counsel for the petitioner in the above-entitled action.

Dated: March 14, 2006

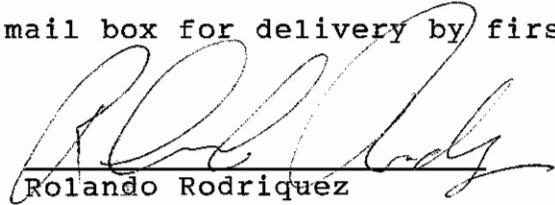
Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rolando Rodriguez hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was served upon Jonathan Ofilos, Assistant Attorney General, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108-1598, on March 14, 2006 by depositing a copy in the SBCC mail box for delivery by first-class mail, postage pre-paid.

Dated: March 14, 2006



Rolando Rodriguez